

Hanson's

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"There is no need to take up the time of people in the community and the town council with this issue," Serhan-Perez said.

"The amphitheater is a good idea, but the bar is attracting a bad element to the community," Serhan-Perez said. She said that bands which play at the bar and ballroom will sometimes play until 2 a.m.; and the loud music produces several side effects.

"The noise is the real problem, but there are side effects like bikers racing up and down the street at night and the wrong clientele in the establishment, and littering," Serhan-Perez said.

Over the past summer, Genetti said that there were only one or two incidents when security had to be called. He said that unless there is a big event at the lake, the ballroom and liquor stand attracts a local crowd.

"We get a lot of people from Wilkes-Barre and sometimes a group from Philadelphia will come up," Genetti said. He said that Sundays are a big day because the lake offers people a place to get away on a day off.

Serhan-Perez said that the residents do not want to close the area down, but would like the people who run the ballroom to understand the residents' position.

"There has to be some procedure to run a business without disturbing the community around it," Serhan-Perez said. Serhan-Perez believes that if the borough does not have rules on how to handle her complaints, new ordinances need to be adopted.

While the residents express the desire to coexist with the amphitheater, Greco said that he does not agree.

"A handful of people say that they want to sit and talk, and they really don't," Greco said.

Serhan-Perez and Attanasio disagree with Greco. They said that they have both been in contact with the management of the area, and were disappointed by the outcome.

"I was approached by four women earlier in the year concerning the noise problem," Genetti said. "I listened to their concerns and tried to answer them, but it got to a point where I wouldn't argue with them and they took that as indifference."

Attanasio also said that her husband talked to Greco earlier in the year and she talked about the problem at a borough council meeting. According to Greco, the area is being used for its intended purpose, and the facility really belongs to the community.

"Harveys Lake is a public, not a private area, and the people who are complaining about that must



SOURCE OF CONCERN-Music from bands which play at Hansons Ballroom and the Tijuana Liquor Stand is the topic of concern for a number of Harveys Lake residents. Sandra Serhan-Perez, who lives about 500 yards from the ballroom recently began a petition asking the borough to regulate the noise and hours of operation for the facility. (Post Photo/Bill Harper)

realize this point," Greco said.

Borough Zoning Officer Dan Samson said that the area is a C-3 commercial recreation zone and it is the only one of its kind on Harveys Lake.

Shirley Hanson, who owns the land and leases the amphitheater and ballroom to Genetti and Greco, said that the decision to reopen the area really was a community decision.

"We wanted to change the zoning on the area, but people at Harveys Lake said that they wanted me to use the area for its intended purpose," Hanson said.

Hanson said that the ballroom has held dances as far back as the 1960's and that there has never been a problem at the lake.

"The area had been closed for a few years and when it reopened, there was a group of people who did not want it to come back, but the facility is zoned for entertainment," Greco said.

"The area had closed in 1982, we held a couple of events at the ballroom last year but this is the first year that we had a full schedule of events," Genetti said.

Greco claims that the opening of the amphitheater has created a better quality of life for the area. He added that he has been informed about the noise problem and is working to resolve the issue.

"Gus Genetti and I have done numerous things and the mayor is very concerned about the noise

problem from the amphitheater," Greco said.

Greco said complaints to police have been very few and are always from the same people and are unfounded.

"We have had to jump through every government hoop from the Department of Labor to Department of Environmental Resources, and everything is in the allowable limit," Greco said.

In response to the complaints, Genetti said that he has taken the speakers off of the deck at the Tijuana Liquor Stand and has angled them away from the residential area and put boards over the ballroom's windows.

Serhan-Perez has lived on the lake all of her life and remembers the amusement park and said that the ballroom was very well run when Mrs. Hanson was in control. Now she is not pleased with the way things are run.

"Mr. Genetti will do whatever he wants to, he is really causing problems for Mrs. Hanson in the community," Serhan-Perez said.

Genetti said in spite of the complaints, response to the permanent reopening of the ballroom has been positive.

"Being around the lake all year, I have gotten feedback from people," Genetti said. "One guy came to me recently and said that it's great that we are back and providing the residents and visitors with entertainment."

Amphitheater seating may double

By BILL HARPER
Post Staff

The Bud Lite Amphitheater on Harvey's Lake opened over the Memorial Day weekend, bringing entertainment back to the lake, and giving people in the area a chance to enjoy shows which they may not otherwise see.

And next year, people at the lake could get the chance to see more shows if a proposal to double the seating at the facility is adopted.

"There is certainly room in the amphitheater for more seating," said Shirley Hanson, who owns the land which the amphitheater is on. Hanson said that she leases use of the amphitheater to Promoter Thom Greco and to Gus Genetti, who runs the ballroom and the Tijuana Liquor Stand.

"Right now, we are considering doubling the amphitheater's seating to 8,000 seats," Greco said.

Sandra Serhan-Perez a Harveys Lake resident said that she is concerned about the effect that doubling the amphitheater will have on the community.

"It's not right to burden police and tie up our roads when there is an event at the amphitheater," Serhan-Perez said.

Harveys Lake Zoning Officer Dan Samson said that there are no restrictions on the number of seats which can be put in the amphitheater provided that all safety concerns are met.

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"From a zoning viewpoint, the amphitheater is an open-air facility and seating capacity depends on if people can adequately exit in case of an emergency," Samson said.

According to Samson, Greco would have to apply for permits with the county in order to double seating in the arena and the State Department of Transportation would need to review traffic flow into and out of the area.

Samson said that although he has heard rumors about doubling seating at the amphitheater, to his knowledge, no action has been taken at the present time.

Greco said that expanded seating would allow him to bring a number of bigger acts to Harveys Lake.

"With more seating, acts like Michael Bolton, Harry Connick Jr. and Frank Sinatra would become a reality at the amphitheater," Greco said.

He explained that the groups he is able to get are subject to availability of an open date and if the act is in the area during a tour.

Greco said that he does not book heavy metal and rap acts because of the bad influence which they can attract; however, he will not rule these type of acts out.

"It's a goal of ours to satisfy all

age groups and at the same time attract a good element to the amphitheater," Greco said.

Greco said that recent concerts by Mr. Big and Bob Wier of the Grateful Dead demonstrate the diversity of acts which come to the amphitheater.

Hanson said that Greco is leasing the land from her for five years with an option after that. She said that the entertainment lends itself to the summer resort atmosphere of the lake.

Greco said that expansion of the theater is on tap for next year as well as the transfer of the facility's liquor license from Hanson to him and Genetti.

"When the license is transferred, we will be allowed to serve alcohol, right now our license only allows us to serve beer," Genetti said.

Genetti explained that the Liquor Control Board requires different licenses for beer and alcohol sales.

Genetti said that the ballroom and Tijuana's are separate from the amphitheater. He did say however that the type of entertainment which is at the amphitheater will determine what type of band will be scheduled for the ballroom.

"For example, when Willie Nelson was here, we scheduled a country band to play here," Genetti said.

Fourth-grader creates drink box recycling program

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Prompted by the environmental concern of one student, Gate of Heaven School has begun a campaign to recycle juice drink boxes.

After seeing several television spots on recycling, fourth-grader Rebecca Hoffman of Sweet Valley decided that she could contribute to helping save valuable forests.

"I care about the environment and wanted to do something to help," the quiet, self-assured nine-year-old said.

"When I saw some commercials on television showing that paper towels, envelopes and tissues could be made from recycled juice drink boxes, I thought about all the juice boxes that we throw in the garbage during lunchtime at school."

After reading about a recycling program and talking with her family, school staff and Dallas Borough officials, Rebecca started

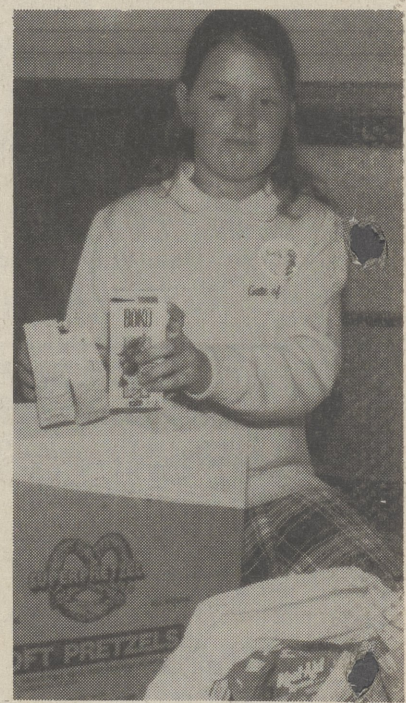
her project this week.

Her mother collects the juice boxes from the school every day after lunch and takes them home to be rinsed out. The Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) then collects them to be taken to Nanticoke for processing.

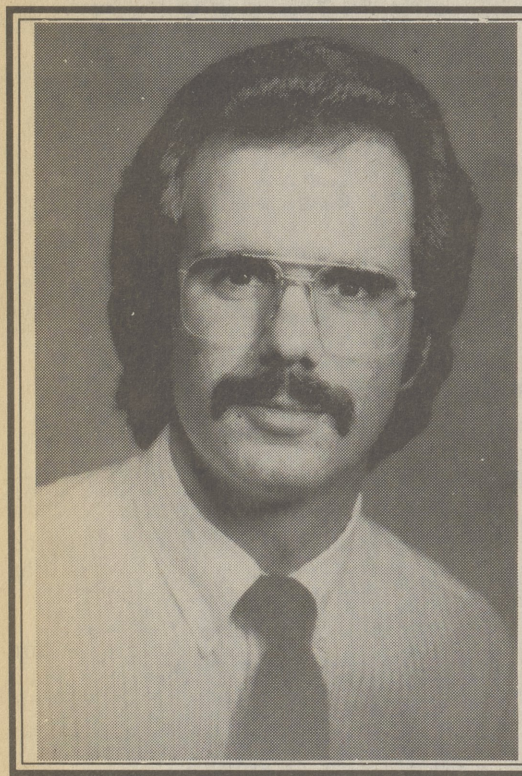
Rebecca plans to continue her recycling project as long as she attends school at Gate of Heaven.

Gate of Heaven principal Mrs. Tighe said that all of the students are environmentally aware. "This new program enhances their awareness of not only the damage that can be done to the environment by excess waste, but also shows them that they can in some small way make a difference," she said.

The school thanked Dallas Borough officials and the Gate of Heaven janitorial staff for their work on behalf of Rebecca Hoffman's recycling program.



SAVING THE FORESTS - Gate of Heaven 4th-grader Rebecca Hoffman of Sweet Valley has initiated a program to recycle juice drink boxes at her school. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)



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